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SLEEP/DREAM PHOTOGRAPHY SUBJECT OF U. LOWELL LECTURE

LOWELL, MASS. - Boston film maker and photographer Ted Spagna will discuss his sleep/dream photography in a public lecture at the University of Lowell, January 15, 3:30 - 5:00 PM. His presentation, in room 222 of O'Leary Library on Wilder Street in Lowell, is one of the special events in the Boston Globe's 30th Annual Scholastic Art Awards program hosted by the University of Lowell this year.

The multi-media show, "Dreamstage: An Experimental Portrait of the Sleeping Brain," currently on exhibit at the Museum of Science, Boston, features Spagna's unique photographic studies of human sleep. Using time-lapse photography, he has developed a new form of portraiture as well as a scientific method of studying sleep behavior, and Ted Spagna says, "This sleep/dream work is the basis of my present artistic activity."

An accomplished artist in film and photography, Spagna's work has been shown on TV, at film festivals, and is included in permanent collections at Boston University and the University of South Carolina. In 1973 he had a one man show at the Film Forum in New York.

Ted Spagna, a native New Yorker, holds a Master of Science degree in film from Boston University and an architectural degree from The Cooper Union. He has taught at Harvard University and The School of Visual Arts in New York City.

In 1976 he was a Massachusetts Arts and Humanities Foundation film fellow and the following year received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. His photos have been published in Smithsonian Magazine, Vogue, Psychology Today, and The New York Times Sunday Magazine, among others.

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